

BOOK NOTICES

Horticulture/Gardening

ROGER PHILLIPS and MARTYN RIX. 2002. **The Botanical Garden I: Trees and Shrubs.** (ISBN 0-55297-591-6, hbk.). Firefly Books Lt., 3680 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M2H 3K1 CANADA. (Orders: www.fireflybooks.com, 416-499-8412, 416-499-1142 fax). \$75.00 (US), \$95.00 (CANADA), 492 pp. 2000+ color photos, 8 1/2 × 11".

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The Botanical Garden I and II is an impressive two volume set of modern day botany. It is billed as "a spectacular hybrid of gardening book and scientific text, with expert commentary..." Not only will one enjoy the beautiful photography, but there are interesting comments to read ranging from scientific and useful to fascinating and practical information. I'm glad to see that the toxic nature of some of the most common garden plants is discussed. The two volumes are fascinating and fun to browse or to search for specific plants and information. I've already found some interesting facts that will be useful in a future lecture. Enjoy!

Each taxonomic entry contains **Name** (genus, species and common names, date of discovery, and range), **Description** (detailed and concise in the scientific style), **Key Recognition Features**, **Evolution and Relationships**, **Ecology and Geography**, and **Comments**.—Barney Lipscomb, *Botanical Research Institute of Texas*, 509 Pecan St, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A., barney@brit.org.

DALLAS BAXTER (ed.). 2003. **Big Bend Gardener's Guide.** (No ISBN, pbk.). Native Plant Society of Texas, Big Ben Chapter, PO Box 1319, Alpine, TX 79831. (Orders: PO Box 1319, Alpine, TX 79831, bigbendwoman@brooksddata.net). \$10.00, 32 pp., numerous line drawings, 1 map, 8 1/2 × 11".

Contents.—Welcome; Why Use Native Plants?; Planting Zone Map; Weather Data by Community; What Zone Are We In?; Tree Pruning Do's and Don'ts; Xeriscape: Landscaping for an Arid Climate; On NOT Following the Rules of Landscape Design; Plant List for the Trans-Pecos Region; Big Bend Places to See; The Deer Problem; Planting for Wildlife Chart; The Joys of Solarizing; Going Buggy: Integrated Pest Management; Catchwater Systems; Collecting/Harvesting Plants from the Wild; How to Plant a Tree; What is Making Me Sneeze? A Few Words on Plant Allergies; Cacti: Food for Thought; Some Thoughts on Soil; and Recommended Reading.